

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Structural platform for a motor vehicle, [[forming]] the structural platform comprising a tank for the storage on the vehicle of a fluid under pressure, the [[said]] tank comprising at least one network of [[cells]] containers integrally formed in the structural platform and connected together via interconnections, the interconnections being conformed so that the flow of fluid caused by the consumption of fluid necessary for the use of the vehicle exhibits only pressure drops not affecting the [[said]] use, and being conformed so that, in the event of rupture of one or more [[cells]] containers, the leakage flow causes sufficiently high pressure drops to limit the flow rate thereof, wherein the structural platform forms a load-bearing component of the vehicle.

2. (Currently Amended) Structural platform for a motor vehicle, the structural platform comprising a tank for the storage on the vehicle of a fluid under pressure, the tank comprising at least one network of containers connected together via interconnections, the interconnections being conformed so that the flow of fluid caused by the consumption of fluid necessary for the use of the vehicle exhibits only pressure drops not affecting the use, and being conformed so that, in the event of rupture of one or more containers, the leakage flow causes sufficiently high pressure drops to limit the flow rate

thereof, according to Claim 1, comprising wherein at least one network of at least a hundred and no more than a hundred thousand containers are connected together via interconnections.

3. (Original) Structural platform according to Claim 1, each interconnection being formed by an orifice.

4. (Currently Amended) Structural platform according to Claim 1, in which each container comprises a central part whose wall is substantially cylindrical and a cap at each end.

5. (Currently Amended) Structural platform according to Claim 1, comprising several networks of containers connected in series, the networks being connected in parallel.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Original) Structural platform according to Claim 1, integrating a second independent tank for storing another different fluid.

8. (Currently Amended) Structural platform according to Claim 7, in which the second tank comprises at least one network of containers connected together via interconnections, the interconnections being conformed so that the flow of

fluid caused by the consumption of fluid necessary for the use of the vehicle exhibits only pressure drops not affecting the ~~[[said]]~~ use, and being conformed so that, in the event of rupture of one or more ~~[[cells]]~~ containers, the leakage flow causes sufficiently high pressure drops to limit the flow rate thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Structural platform according to Claim 7, for a motor vehicle, forming a tank for the storage on the vehicle of a fluid under pressure, the tank comprising at least one network of containers connected together via interconnections, the interconnections being conformed so that the flow of fluid caused by the consumption of fluid necessary for the use of the vehicle exhibits only pressure drops not affecting the use, and being conformed so that, in the event of rupture of one or more containers, the leakage flow causes sufficiently high pressure drops to limit the flow rate thereof, the structural platform comprising a base which comprises as many recesses as there are~~ ~~[[cells]]~~ containers, the base having a flattened shape having a first face and an opposite face substantially parallel to the first face, the recesses all extending from the first face to the opposite face and all opening out at the first face and not opening out at the opposite face, each recess being closed by a cover sealingly fixed so as to form a ~~[[cell]]~~ container, the said orifices being provided in the base in order to put the recesses in communication.

10. (Currently Amended) Structural platform according to Claim 9, in which each recess comprises a first part with a substantially cylindrical shape, extending between the first face and an intermediate level situated between the first face and the

opposite face, each recess comprising a second part extending the first part and comprising a wall forming a cap.

11. (Original) Structural platform according to Claim 9, in which each cover comprises a trunk whose wall is substantially cylindrical and with an outside diameter smaller than or equal to the inside diameter of the first part of each recess, each cover comprising a bottom, all the covers being inserted and adhesively bonded in the recesses.

12. (Original) Structural platform according to Claim 9, in which each cover is screwed into recesses, with the interposing of a seal.

13. (Currently Amended) Structural platform according to Claim 8, in which, between the tank and the second tank, a separation area with no [[cells]] containers is left.

14. (Currently Amended) Structural platform according to Claim 8, in which, between the tank and the second tank, a separation area is left, provided with [[cells]] containers which do not communicate with the [[cells]] containers of the adjacent tanks.

15. (Currently Amended) Vehicle equipped with a structural platform according to Claim 1, the [[floor forming]] structural platform at least partially a ~~bearing~~

~~structure~~ forming a floor of the vehicle on which various components of the ~~[[said]]~~ vehicle are mounted.

16. (Currently Amended) Vehicle according to Claim 15, comprising a fuel ~~[[cell]]~~ container, the tank integrated in the structural platform providing the storage of gaseous hydrogen.

17. (Currently Amended) Vehicle according to Claim 16, comprising a fuel ~~[[cell]]~~ container and two tanks integrated in the structural platform, one of the tanks providing the storage of gaseous hydrogen and the other tanks providing the storage of gaseous oxygen.

18. (New) Structural platform according to Claim 1, wherein the containers are arranged in a plane and have central axes perpendicular to the plane.

19. (New) Structural platform according to Claim 1, wherein each of the containers is adjacent to at least six other containers.